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# Today!

**Welcome**

Brooke Lovelace

**Budget News**

Amy Campbell

**Policy News**

Amy Campbell &  
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DAYS LEFT IN THE IOWA LEGISLATIVE SESSION

# Budgets Move Into Position

Current (FY26)	Governor (FY27)	Senate (FY27)	House (FY27)
\$9.491	\$9.666 billion	\$9.623 billion	\$9.662 billion
	+ 1.9%	+ 1.2%	+1.7%

*Revenue Estimate for FY 27: \$8.471 billion*

**FY means “Fiscal Year”**  
 State Fiscal Years start on July 1  
 FY27 runs July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027

Administration/ Regulation	Agriculture/ Natural Resources	Economic Development	Education	Health/ Human Services	Infrastructure (RIIF)	Judicial Branch	Justice Systems	Standings	Transportation
<a href="#">SF 2479 (Details)</a>	<a href="#">SF 2487 (Details)</a>	<a href="#">SF 2485 (Details)</a>	<a href="#">SF 2482 (Details)</a>	<a href="#">SF 2483 (Details)</a>	<a href="#">SF 2484 (Details)</a>	<a href="#">SF 2486 (Details)</a>	<a href="#">SF 2481 (Details)</a>		<a href="#">SF 2478 (Details)</a>
\$73.1 million (\$613,000)	\$46.9 million \$300,000	\$38.4 million (\$1.9 million)	\$1.05 billion \$14.9 million	\$2.56 billion \$980,000	\$196.3 million* RIIF \$39.3 million* TRF	\$221.8 million (no change)	\$714.2 million \$11.1 million		\$495.3 million* (\$18.2 million)
Senate Floor	Senate Floor	Senate Floor	Senate Floor	Senate Floor	Senate Floor	Senate Floor	Senate Floor		Senate Floor
<a href="#">HSB 2768 (Details)</a>	<a href="#">HF 2771 (Details)</a>	<a href="#">HF2772 (Details)</a>	<a href="#">HSB 778 (Details)</a>	<a href="#">HSB 777 (Details)</a>		<a href="#">HF 2769 (Details)</a>	<a href="#">HF 2770 (Details)</a>		
\$73.3 million (\$413,000)	\$46.8 million \$150,000	\$39.3 million (\$989,000)	\$1,041 billion \$9.5 million	\$2.561 billion \$4 million		\$222.8 million \$1 million	\$714.3 million \$11.2 million		
House Floor	House Floor	House Floor	House Floor	House Floor		House Floor	House Floor		

\*Not general fund dollars (road use taxes, gambling revenues)

# Budget Highlights



## HSB 777: HHS Budget (passed out of Committee, will get new HF #)

- Funding for Centers for Independent Living & independent living services moved from Economic Development Budget to HHS Budget (no change in funding - \$171,351)
- Eliminates funding for Epilepsy Foundation of Iowa contract (\$144,000)
- Restores funding for vision screening that Governor's budget had cut (\$191,000)
- New funding for the Food Bank of Iowa to help with SNAP hotline (\$127,500)
- Partially restores cuts made in cost containments made by HHS to speech therapy and rehabilitation services (\$2.8 million)
- Increases Medicaid rates for adult day services (\$300,000)
- Increases Medicaid HCBS elderly waiver services (\$5 million)
- Increases prosthetics reimbursement (\$250,000)
- Increases ChildServe & On With Life rates to eliminate need for exception to policy (\$333,000)
- **Codifies annual Medicaid rate reviews & requires HHS to propose a cost-based reimbursement system for HCBS providers, with new base rate established every four years.**

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- \$1,227,307 savings to consolidate Woodward homes (1 home closed as census nears 100)
- Eliminates vacant positions at Woodward, including a typist (\$760,000 savings)
- Requires HHS to have an FTE database so public and legislators know about staffing at the agency
- Moves & renames the Comprehensive Family Support Program to help families care for a family member with a disability; family member will identify the needed supports/services, eligible to families earning less than \$60,000/year; voucher system will be utilized to help families pay for services; effective retroactive to July 1, 2025. *More details coming on this.*
- **Covers the costs to adopt the House SNAP/Public Assistance Bill (HF 2716) – including MEPD changes!**
  - \$333,000 FY 2027, \$473,000 FY 2028, \$618,000 FY 2029
  - Increases eligibility to 300% FPL (currently 250%)
  - Does not count spouse income
  - Does not count one car and pensions toward asset limits
  - Requires HHS to allow electronic payment of premiums

# Policy News



- [HF 2585](#): Requires pharmacies to provide **accessible prescription information** at no cost upon request (to Governor)
- [HF 2543](#): Eliminates barriers to accessing **subacute** mental health services (to Governor)
- [HF 2256](#): Eliminates **inability of parent to access treatment services for child** in definition of child abuse – if they’ve done everything possible to find services for their child (to Governor)
- [HF 2523](#): Allows parent to consent to **child’s behavioral health commitment** (to Governor)
- [HF 2501](#): Eliminates ability to “**attest**” to **another voter’s identity** (to Governor)
- [HF 2633](#): Prohibits life insurance **discrimination against living organ donor** (to Governor)
- [SF 2474](#): Requires Education Dept. to list where automatic electronic defibrillators (AEDs) are in schools around the state and which schools have adopted a **Cardiac Emergency Response Plan**. (House Floor)

# Policy News



- [HF 571](#): **Medical Ethics Defense Act** that allows a health care provider or facility to deny services to someone if it is against their own personal ethics, including refusal to provide a referral, and protects them from any legal or licensing actions (waiting for Governor’s action)
- [SF 2428](#): **School Discipline for violent & non-violent disruptions** – Senate bill just adds non-violent disruption removal from classroom to current law about violent disruptions, House amendment:
  - Requires Dept. of Education to distribute a model policy to school districts training all IEP team members on least restrictive environment laws under IDEA.
  - Adds separate schools for students receiving special education services and behavioral issues but makes it voluntary and adds more compliance with federal laws in it.
  - Adds more definitions to “violent and non-violent disruptions” (
  - Currently back in Senate w/ House Amendment

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2027-2031

# Share Your Thoughts on Our State Plan

Let us know if our  
goals are aligned!

[www.surveymonkey.com/r/2027-2031-state-plan-feedback](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2027-2031-state-plan-feedback)



## State Plan:

[iowaddcouncil.org/state-plan](http://iowaddcouncil.org/state-plan)



## Youth Leadership Academy:

July 27-31, 2026

[iowaddcouncil.org/yla](http://iowaddcouncil.org/yla)

YLA is for youth and young adults  
with disabilities ages 14–21



# Mark Your Calendars

## **Upcoming Events**

April 21 (Final Paid Day for Legislators)  
June 2 (Primary Election)

## **2026 Capitol Chats**

Friday, May 8 (Noon to 1 pm)  
We'll announce summer schedule then!